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Appl. No: 10/018,131  
Applicant: Heinrich Wehberg  
Filed: October 22 2001  
Title: Apparatus for Recording a Thermo-optical Image of the Female Breast

TC/A.U. 3737  
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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING DATE  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371**

Applicant filed International (PCT) Application 10/018,131 entering the national stage in the USPTO on October 22, 2001. The application was sent to the USPTO via express mail and a copy of the U.S. Postal Service filing receipt for this submission is enclosed.

As of November 20, 2001 we had not received our confirmation postcard or filing receipt indicating this patent application had been given a filing date and application number. On November 20, 2001 we contacted the USPTO to check the status of this application.

The USPTO indicated that significant delays were being experienced as a result of the 2001 anthrax scare involving the U.S. Postal Service. We were told that we could expect to receive the confirmation postcard during the early part of 2002. The confirmation postcard was returned to us on February 22, 2002. A copy of this postcard is also enclosed. The postcard is stamped by the USPTO to confirm that the application was indeed filed on October 22, 2001.

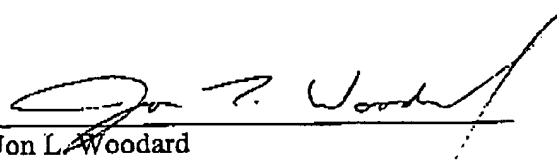
However, subsequent correspondence from the USPTO regarding this national stage application indicated the "filing date" of this application as January 31, 2002. Although a preliminary amendment and other related documents were filed with the USPTO on January 31, 2002, entry into the national phase for this application actually occurred on October 22, 2001 since the national phase application and all requirements under 35 USC § 371 were complied with as of that earlier date.

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Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the filing date of record be corrected to indicated October 22,2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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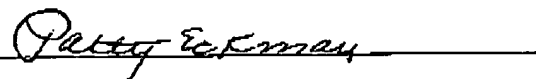
  
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8 pages of specification  
4 pages of claims  
3 pages of drawings  
1 page of abstract

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